



## Statement From The Law Society of Manitoba

### Supreme Court of Canada Appointment Process

**March 27, 2019**

As the regulator of the legal profession in Manitoba, The Law Society of Manitoba is very concerned when circumstances arise that will weaken the public's confidence in the administration of justice. A highly confidential process has been established to encourage the best and brightest candidates to put their names forward for appointment to all levels of courts. The integrity of that process is called into question when the confidentiality of deliberations and discussions about candidates appears not to have been maintained. Confidentiality is critical to protecting the reputation of all applicants including sitting judges, who are not able to respond to unjust criticism. The aspersions cast in recent media reports on Chief Justice Glenn Joyal of the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench represent an unwarranted attack on a distinguished judicial career.

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